



TITLE:	Green Issaquah Volunteer Forest Steward
REPORTS TO:	Joanna Nelson de Flores (Forterra) and Matt Mechler (City of Issaquah, Parks and Community Services Department)
LOCATION:	Issaquah, WA
POSITION TYPE:	Volunteer, with (ideally) at least two-year term of service
VOLUNTEER ROLE:	The Green Issaquah Partnership is a 20-year effort to restore 1540 acres of City forested parkland and natural areas managed by the City of Issaquah. Volunteer Forest Stewards will work closely with Partnership staff to lead volunteer restoration work and volunteer events in a forested park or natural area identified as part of the Green Issaquah Partnership.
GREEN ISSAQUAH PARTNERSHIPS PROVIDES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training, educational materials and technical support • Staff support to advertise work parties and recruit volunteers • Access to hand tools for you approved restoration area • Project supplies and materials as available (plants, mulch, garbage bags, etc.)
SPECIFIC DUTIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as key contact person for the Green Issaquah Partnership staff • Work with Partnership staff to develop site restoration plans • Coordinate and implement volunteer forest restoration activities in your park • Host at least 4 volunteer events per year (events can range from a 2-3 friends getting together to large work parties with many community volunteers) • Manage event and material requests, sign-in sheets, and work logs • Attend annual training event
QUALIFICATIONS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest and willingness to learn about PNW native/invasive plants, urban forest health and natural area restoration best management practices • Ability to perform a moderate to high level of physical activities, including but not limited to walking on uneven ground, bending over, pulling (weeds), lifting, and use of hand tools - Level of activity will depend on project and site conditions • Ability to work under physically demanding conditions, including inclement weather • Ability to develop a positive working relationship with staff, volunteers, sponsors, and community supporters • Basic computer skills
VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All work areas and tasks are approved by Parks/program staff in advance • Do not intentionally remove other native vegetation unless approved in advance. • No power equipment or chemical/herbicide application • Do not work on steep slopes • Do not work in streams or wetlands (your feet can't get wet) • Follow approved Best Management Practices (provide in Forest Steward Field Guide) • Do not "police" the park or engage in confrontations to park visitors, volunteers, or staff • Be an ambassador for your park and make all people feel welcome • Wear a safety vest when volunteering • In case of an emergency, dial 911. Report any non-emergency incidents (minor injuries, theft, vandalism, encampments, hypodermic needles, etc.) to Parks Department (425-837-3300).